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**GENERAL JEROME F. O'MALLEY AWARD**

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This instruction implements AFI 36-28, *Awards and Decorations*, for the O'Malley award. It provides selection criteria and nomination procedures for the General Jerome F. O'Malley award, honoring the best airborne reconnaissance crew in the Air Force.

**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS**

**This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed.**

Revision provides additional instructions for coordination and submission of the O'Malley Award.

**1. O'Malley Award.** This Air Force Association (AFA) award, in honor of the late General Jerome F. O'Malley, a reconnaissance pioneer and former commander of Tactical Air Command, is given to the best overall airborne reconnaissance crew in the Air Force. HQ ACC/DO administers the award and selects the finalist for AFA. One nomination submission is authorized for each of the following platforms: RC-135S/U/V/W, U-2 and SENIOR SCOUT. For platforms with aircrews from multiple wings/squadrons, there will be one package, fully coordinated with all units. The 55 WG will be the lead for RC-135 submissions, and 67 IOW will be lead for SENIOR SCOUT submissions. The 9 WG will be lead for U-2 submissions.

**2. Award Timetables.** Nominations are based on achievements occurring during the previous calendar year and are submitted to HQ ACC/DOTR NLT 1 March of the current year. Incomplete or late nominations will not be accepted for consideration.

**3. Selection Criteria.** Award selection is based on a significant achievement in a single aerial reconnaissance event.

**4. Nomination Packages:**

4.1. The WG/CC or designee should submit an unclassified narrative on an AF Form 1206. The package will be sent via email directly to the HQ ACC OPR.

4.2. Include the following information in each package:

4.2.1. Name of the reconnaissance aircraft and the associated units flying the particular mission described in the narrative.

4.2.2. List the names of all mission crewmembers selected for the award described in the narrative. Crewmembers must have participated in the event described in the narrative. The total list of names will not exceed the number of eligible crew positions (students will not be included).

## **5. Selection Process:**

5.1. HQ ACC/DO will chair the selection board. The board is comprised of selected O-5s/O-6s within ACC with a background in reconnaissance.

5.2. COMACC will announce the O'Malley award winner via message.

5.3. After notification of the winning crew, the selected wing will submit a 50-word citation describing the event. A list attached to the citation will include the names of the crewmembers selected for the award.

## **6. Award Recognition:**

6.1. The O'Malley award will be presented at the annual AFA convention. A maximum of six individuals from the winning crew will be invited to attend the award presentation. The selected unit is responsible for all TDY expenses. The award will be presented to one pre-designated individual from the winning crew

6.2. The winners of the O'Malley Award are authorized to wear the Air Force recognition ribbon.

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**Attachment 1**

**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

***References***

AFPD 36-28, *Awards and Decorations Programs*